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SUBJECT: PERMANENT PAVILION FOR DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL FAIR

1. AM POUCHING TWO PROPOSALS FOR PREFAB BUILDINGS
FOR PERMANENT US PAVILION AT DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL
FAIR, PREPARED BY GORGAKIS AND COMPANY, ATHENS.
A 1,000-M2 SQUARE BUILDING WITHOUT INTERIOR
COLUMNS FOB PIRAEUS PLUS ASSEMBLY IN DAMASCUS COSTS
\$75,000 (E.E. - ALL COSTS EXCEPT SHIPPING PIRAEUS-
DAMASCUS) WHILE A ROUND BUILDING WOULD COST
\$112,000 UNDER THE SAME TERMS. (FOR RTDO: CAN
GORGAKIS GIVE ESTIMATES ON SHIPPING COSTS?)
A LOCAL COMPANY CAN PRODUCE A PREFAB METAL BUILDING
THAT LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE WHAT WE HAVE NOW EXCEPT THAT
INTERIOR COLUMNS WOULD BE SMALLER AND FURTHER APART
(BUT WHOSE EXTERIOR AESTHETICS WOULD BE NO IMPROVEMENT
ON OUR PRESENT STRUCTURE) FOR ABOUT \$30,000 DELIVERED.
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A CONCRETE STRUCTURE COVERING THE ENTIRE AREA WITHOUT
INTERIOR COLUMNS WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$150-200,000
BUT IS UNDESIRABLE FOR OTHER REASONS (SEE BELOW).

2. HAVE ASKED OTHER CONTRACTORS FOR ESTIMATES ON
PREFABS. FURTHERMORE, TWO US FIRMS REGIONAL REPRESENT-
ATIVES HAVE SUGGESTED THEIR COMPANIES MIGHT BE WILLING

PROVIDE A PREFAB BUILDING FOR PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES IN RETURN FOR PERMANENT GRATIS DISPLAY SPACE IN EACH FAIR. KANNAVOS OF ATHENS PROPOSED PUT TOGETHER A PACKAGE THAT WOULD INCLUDE PUTTING UP A PREFAB BUILDING, CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING THE EXHIBITION SYSTEM, AND AND A MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT TO MAINTAIN AND RUN THE US PAVILION. IN SHORT, WE CAN DUPLICATE AND SLIGHTLY IMPROVE WHAT WE HAVE FOR \$30,000 AT ONE OF THE SCALE AND DO A CHEAP IMITATION OF DISNEYLAND AT THE OTHER END. IF WE WANT AN ADEQUATE BUILDING TO HOUSE AN ANNUAL US EXHIBITION, \$75,000 WOULD PUT UP SOMETHING REASONABLE. (PERHAPS FIFTEEN PERCENT (TO \$86,000) SHOULD BE ADDED FOR INFLATION AS THE ABOVE ARE ALL 1977 COSTS.) IF WE WANT SOMETHING TO COMPETE WITH THE SOVIETS WHO ARE JUST ACROSS THE PARK FROM US, THEN WE SHOULD BE TALKING ABOUT 100 TO 125 THOUSAND DOLLARS.

4. NOTE: WE ARE TALKING ABOUT PREFAB BUILDINGS ONLY. THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE SYIRAN GOVERNMENT MAY MOVE FAIRGROUNDS IN NEXT FOUR TO SIX YEARS TO NEW LOCATION. FAIR AUTHORITIES HAVE OFFERED TWO ALTERNATIVES TO PARTICIPANTS: (A) PRO-RATA COMPENSATION FOR PERMANENT STRUCTURES, OR (B) UNDERTAKING COSTS OF MOVING PREFAB STRUCTURES. ALTERNATIVE (B) APPEARS TO BE SAFER AND CHEAPER CHOICE FOR USG.
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